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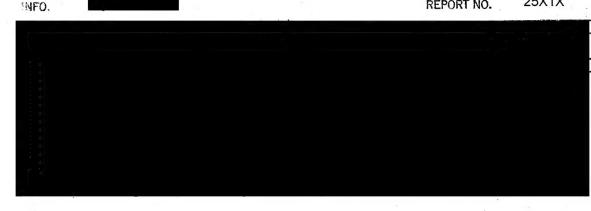
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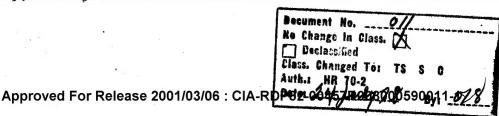
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- 1. On 10 May 1951 Mite Pop Todorov, Vasil Culev, and Kiro Karata were imprisoned for being responsible for the execution of eighteen Communists by the Bulgarians during World War II. On 9 May 1951 another prominent Communist in Strumica, Tasho Masev, a former Mailor, was arrested on the charge of pro-Cominform activities. Mitko Madenov, the manager of the Auto Transport Enterprise in Strumica, was also arrested on the charge of pro-Cominform activities.
- 2. Vasil Tudjarov, the former Political Secretary of the Town Committee of the Communist Party and a deputy to the national parliament, was relieved of all of his government and Perty duties. Jovan Palifrov, a former chairman of the District People's Council of Strumica and a deputy to the Macedonian Parliament, was also relieved of his government and Party duties.
- 3. On 8 April 1951 the following persons were elected to the Town People's Council of Strumics:
 - Gligor Novakov, Chairman. Novakov, a pre-war Communist, was also the assistant of the Minister of Forestry in the Macedonian Republic.
 - b. Velin Stojanov, Secretary. Stojanov was also the Political Secretary of the Strumica Town Committee of the Communist Party.
 - c. Mitko Batev, Commissioner of Interior.
- The following were also officials in Strunica in early May 1951:
 - a. Risto Pilinev, Organization Secretary of the Town Committee of the Communis arty.
 - b. Mitto Brazilov. Political Secretary of the District Committee of the Corremist Party.
 - c. Risto Inkow, manager of the Agricultural School. Ickov replaced Mile Jacvliev.

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- d. Lubco Rogozinarov, Chairman of the District Court in Strumica.
- e. Mihajlo Curev, Judge of the District Court.
- f. A certain Viranov, Chief of the UDB in Strumica. Viranov was formerly a farmer in the village of Vasiljevo.
- g. Vanco Foncev, Chief of the Section of Interior in the District People's Council, and an alternate deputy to the national parliament.
- 5. An attempt was being Lade to unify the Strumica District People's Council and the Strumica Town People's Council. Meetings were held in Strumica between local Communist officials and representatives of the Macadonian Politburo. The Politburo wanted Mito Temenugov ("Lelezni") to head the new unified Council. Temenugov was formerly a Minister of Africulture in the Macedonian Republic, and is at present a Deputy to the Macedonian Parliament. The local Communist suggested the following candidates:
 - a, Vanco Foncev, for Chairman.
 - b. Gligor Novakov, for Secretary. Novakov, a pre-war Communist, is the Chairman of the Strumica Town Feople's Council.
 - c. Mara Mananova, for Political Cecretary. Mananova was the assistant to the Minister of Import and Export of the Macedonian government, and was the private secretary of the President of the Macedonian government.
 - d. Risto Pilicev, for Organization Secretary.
- 6. The following measures of contralization have been taken:
 - a. About the end of 1950 the villages of Banice, Vodoca, and Gradske Baldevci were taken from the administration of the Strumica District People's Council and were placed under the jurisdiction of the Strumica Town People's Council.
 - b. The villages of Bosiljevo, Jednokucevo, Saraj, Petarlinci, Staro Baldevci, Prosenikovo, Radovo, Ilovica, Stuka, Drvos, Sikirnik, Turnovo, Robovo, Dabili, and Peperovo were to be unified under one Community People's Council. The seat of the new community is to be in Bosiljevo, and the candidate for chairman of the community is Jovan Palifrov. The proposed community had existed in pre-war Yugoslavia.